

Petition to Make Special

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir,

I hereby petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for special examination of the enclosed patent application entitled "An advective solar collector for use in multi-effect fluid distillation and power production." This patent application is for an invention that is of particular national interest since it uses a renewable energy source and hence materially contributes to the conservation of energy resources. As specified in MPEP 708.02(c) examination of such an application should be expedited without need of a fee to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Paul A. LaViolette